

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-27 are maintained by the present response.

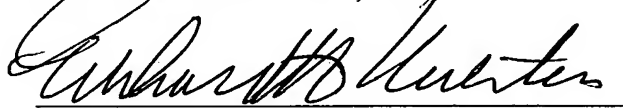
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-27 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,639,837 B2.

In response to the double patenting rejection, submitted herewith is an appropriately executed Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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